

**William Fairfax to George Washington, July 10, 1754,
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FROM WILLIAM FAIRFAX, ESQ.

BELVOIR ¹ 10th. July 1754

DEAR SIR

I did my Self the Pleasure to write to You by Majr. Thos. Clarke now on his March from Alexandria, but He appeard to have So infirm a State of Body as Some doubt He can't undergo the unavoidable Fatigues of his present Travel. Colo. James Innes has been at Winchester more than a week impatiently waiting for the remaining Forces expected by Water from Cape Fear now arrived; but when They will reach You cant be well guessed: Suppose three Weeks; what a Tedious Suspense to You that Languish for Strength eno to undertake Some notable Action against an Enemy that now Seems to dare Your Meeting in the Field.

In the D. of Marlbro's Campaigns You'l observe many wise Retreats performd that were not called Flights; perhaps when all the brave Officers and Soldiers are Joined by King Dinwiddie, Prince Washington, Col F—x, Majr. Montour and their gallant Warriors, Yr. Councils may even then advise and execute such Stratagems of War as to ambuscade decoy and circumvent the subtil French. In the mean Time no Pains are spar'd to have You wel Supplied with Provisions, And because the Indian Familys now with You and more expected will consume a large Quantity, the Carriage of which would be saved if

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those Familys were lodgd at the So Branch or Winchester, the Governor by Letter desird You to advise with his Namesake and let Him know your Result wch. I should be glad also to know. The Reduction of the necessary Provision to be Sent to the Camp, would greatly ease Majr. Carlyle who is indefatigable in his Endeavors to discharge the Duty of his Office to general Satisfaction. If Mr. Croghan had punctually fulfilled his Engagements with the Governor at Winchester You would not have wanted Flower lately. I will not doubt your having public Prayers in the Camp especially when the Indian Familys were your Guests, that They seeing your plain Manner of Worship may excite Their Curiosity to be inform'd Why We dont use the idolatrous and Superstitious Ceremonys of the French which being wel explained to their Understandings will more and more dispose Them to receive our Baptism and unite in strictest Bond of cordial Friendship.

Capt. Mackay borrow'd of Cr Fx, but carried away your Draft of the Ohio, having Buffaloe Creek, the Forks of Monengelah,² Youagenah³ &c therein delineated; And I want much to travel with You, Please at your best Leisure if any to draw and Send me another Sketch, markt Wth Red Stone Creek the great Meadows &c—I have Sent our two latest Gazettes I recd. wherein you'll observe, your memble. Acts are not forgot. and hope when joynd, to have good Matter to embellish first our Council Chamber and Office of the Board of Trade.

I expect yr. Bro. John dayly to receive your Money yet in my Hands tho I sent him Advice by Bro: Sam as I came from Wmsburg and further told Him at Winchester.

Mr Carlyle went to meet Colo. Innes at Winchester, is expected home to Night and expects to set off next Monday for Wmsburg where the Comittee sit on Wednesday next. The Govr. has given Mr. Carlyle hopes of receiving £1000 or more.

For other pticulars referr to Mr. Gist. This Family & Friends assure You brave Officers & Soldiers of our constant good Wishes and Prayers for good Success and Soon to convince the unbelieving French that they can never beat the English in a fair Engagement.

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I am most cordially Dear Sir Your assur'd & affect. Friend W. FAIRFAX.

Minutes of Council 23 Feby. 27th. Apl. & 18th. July 1754. Feby 23 1754. 300 Men to be raised by the Govr. with the advice of the Council Apl. 27 – 1754. £1—6—0 to be allowed for each Man Enlisted, and no more for Enlisting Money and all other Incidentl charges

PAY OF THE OFFICERS

To Colo. Joshua Fry 15/. Lieut. Colo. G. Washington 12/6. Majr. Geo. Muse⁴ 10/. Majr. Jn. Carlyle Comy. of Stores & Provns for him self and Store keeper 10/ 6 Captns. Each 8/ 6 Lieuts. Each 4/ 6 Ensigns each 3/ A Surgeon 4/ 6 Sergeants 1/6 6 Corporals 1/ 6 Drummers 1/ By the day.

July 18th. 1754

Resolved

That application be made to his Hr. Ye Govr. To Issue his warrt to the Treasurer for paying to Colo G. Washington 300 Pistoles⁵ to be by him distributed among the Soldiers of the Virgn. Regiment & those of So. Carolina under ye Commd. of Capt. McKay at a Pistole for each Man as a reward for their bravery in a late engagement with the French.

A Gent. Return of the Virgn. Regimt. Winchester July 23, 1754.

Prest. fit for Duty. Sick & woundd. prest. Absent— Captns. Lieutns. Ensigns. Sergns. Corpls. Drums. Private. Capts. Lieuts. Ensigns. Sergs. Corpls. Drums. Private. Capts. Lieuts. Ensigns. Sergs. Corpls. Drums. Private. 3 4 3 11 9 6 157 - - - - - 38 3 - 1 - - - 5

Colo. Joshua Fry Lt Colo. Geo. Washington Majr. Geo. Muse Captns. A. Stephen Robt. Stobo Andr. Lewis Geo. Mercer Peter Hog Lieutts. Jacob Vanbrahan Thos. Waggener Wm. Polson John West Jro. Savage Ensigns Jas. Towers Wm. Bronaugh Jro. Mercer Wm. Peyronney James Craik

1 "Belvoir," the residence and estate of the Hon. William Fairfax, was situated on the right bank of the Potomac, and was described by Washington as "within full view of Mount Vernon, is one of the most beautiful seats on the

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river" (letter to Sir John Sinclair, December 11, 1796). The estate was founded by William Fairfax, cousin and agent of Lord Thomas Fairfax, of Greenway Court, Virginia. On the death of the proprietor, in 1757, it descended to his son, Colonel George W. Fairfax, who from youth was the friend and neighbor of George Washington. In 1773 the colonel went to England, and, not returning, the place was advertised for rent, and the furniture was sold.—TONER.

2 Monongahela.

3 Youghiogany.

4 Major George Muse, of North Carolina, afterwards Lieutenant-Colonel, also one of the four District Adjutants of Virginia, and Washington's early instructor in military science.

5 The value of a pistole was \$3.60.